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### Headline-Hunting Probe

Representative Samuel S. Stratton of the 35th New York Congressional district opposes a House investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency for subsidizing certain U.S. student organizations as a means of combatting communist subversion on American campuses.

Charging that youth groups in communist nations and in most foreign countries are subsidized by their governments in the interest of their own national viewpoint, Congressman Stratton warns:

"For responsible American legislators to insist that America's attitude always be the attitude of Pollyanna in a world all too often peopled by cut-throats and dirty players would be a perfect formula for failure and defeat."

The Amsterdam legislator is right in denouncing the massive attack on the CIA being mounted by sections of the U.S. press. A congressional investigation now would only serve to wreck our own security apparatus at home and abroad and to furnish headline-seeking congressmen columns of space in the New York Times and other newspapers professing horror that we as a nation should try to protect ourselves from enemy subversion.

As we commented last Friday, espionage is a dirty business and we certainly do not approve of the strategy the CIA employed in trying to make spies out of U.S. students in foreign lands, but we have been actually fighting fire with fire.

A congressional investigation to uncover the extent of communist infiltration and subversion on U.S. college campuses would serve a more useful purpose than an expose of the CIA.